



Plan Amendment 2017-CW-3CP

Revision of Board of Supervisors Plan Amendment Authorization Guidance

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Background

- Board of Supervisors adopts the Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process on June 20, 2017 as the regular Plan review cycle.
- Follow-on motion directed staff to consider Comprehensive Plan Guidance that would incorporate criteria for economic success to aid Board members when considering authorizing changes to the Comprehensive Plan, and to engage appropriate representatives from the development community in this effort.

Considerations

- The adopted Policy Plan describes the Plan review process and provides guidance for the Board when considering the authorization of Plan amendments outside of the regular review process.
 - Emergency situations in which the public health, safety, and welfare or sound land use planning will be harmed if action were deferred until the next appropriate Plan Review Year.
 - Oversights, inconsistencies, or land use related inequities.
- The Strategic Plan to Facilitate the Economic Success of Fairfax County (the Economic Success Plan) defines goals and strategies that would be considered criteria for economic success.
 - Generally aligns with goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed Changes to the Policy Plan

- Revise the guidance for Board when considering authorizing Plan amendments:
 - Add reference to the strategies set forth in the Economic Success Plan to Facilitate the Economic Success of Fairfax County as a guide;
 - Retain the language about emergency situations.
- General edits to change “Fairfax Forward” to “Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process.”

Timeline of Proposed Changes

- Planning Commission Land Use Process Review Comm. – December 7
- Board Development Process Committee – January 30
- Additional community outreach to industry professionals – ongoing
- Publication of Staff Report – February 15
- Planning Commission public hearing – March 1
- Board of Supervisors public hearing – April 10

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Economic Success

Questions & Comments?